



# American Legion Riders Post 1340

## General Membership Meeting

September 1, 2009

### **Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion**

*FOR GOD AND COUNTRY WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TOGETHER  
FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:*

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America.

To maintain law and order.

To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism.

To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars.

To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation.

To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses.

To make right the master of might.

To promote peace and goodwill on earth.

To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy.

To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

# ***American Legion Riders Post 1340***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

1 September 2009

### **I. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order the regular meeting of the ALR 1340 at approx 1900 at Charley's Last Stand.

### **II. Prayer**

The Post meeting was opened with prayer

### **III. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Post recited the Pledge of Allegiance

### **IV. Preamble**

The Post recited The Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion.

### **V. Meeting Declared Convened**

Commander Big Jim Craig declared Post 1340 regularly convened.

### **VI. Roll Call**

Members present were 2 SAL, 1 AUX, 13 Legion, and 1 visitor (potential SAL member). Also, Doug Carter has returned for his R/R break.

### **VII. Reading of minutes of previous meeting.**

Previous general membership meeting and executive committee minutes will be posted on the web site. Membership voted to accept them.

### **VIII. Committee Reports**

Finance report: The Post received the banners for the AUX, SAL, and Legion donation to the Child Welfare Foundation of \$100.

August Income = \$952, Expenses = \$2,038, Ending balance = \$7,796

SAL Commander briefed that the SAL Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> Poker run had 84 bikes and generated \$1,556 of which the SAL received \$744 and the other sponsors of the run received \$812.

Aux. Secretary stated that the next AUX meeting will be Sept 19<sup>th</sup>. AUX members are to meet at Charley's at 5 pm. Members will then eat dinner somewhere on Meridian.

Wick reported on the Legacy Fund Run. As of August 27<sup>th</sup>, the fund raising for this year has raised \$620,000. Anyone wanting info on this or next year's run can go to [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org) and [www.legacyrun.blogspot.com](http://www.legacyrun.blogspot.com)

The 2010 Legacy Run (plans have NOT be published yet) but historically the run will start on August 23, 2010, leaving from Indianapolis, IN and arriving in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on August 27, 2010. The general rule is : leave Indianapolis on Monday, arrive at the Convention City on Friday, Legion Rider activities on Saturday, Legion Parade on Sunday. Each rider pays their own way, to include fuel, hotel room, food, etc. It costs about \$1,000 to complete the ride.

IX. **Unfinished Business**

X. **New Business & Correspondence**

The Post voted to sponsor a child at the American Legion Children's Home (ALCH) in Ponca City at a cost of \$800. The name of the child we are sponsoring is Terrance. We have requested that we sponsor a Veteran's child if possible. Of special note, the Post has been informed by the ALCH that we can no longer host photos of ALCH residents.

There is no truth in the rumor that someone is trying to challenge our right to be a Post. All of our paperwork is in order and we are chartered by the American Legion as "American Legion Riders Post 1340".

20 September 09 – benefit poker run for Kyle Scarberry is scheduled for 20 September. The Post needs folks to help deliver flyers for this run.

18 October 09 – benefit poker run for VA hospital residents. Entrance fee for the ride is \$20 worth of merchandise that is listed on the flyer. items needed (new condition preferred) are (White socks) (tee shirts size L, XL, 2X, 3X) (sneakers sizes 8,9,10,11,12,13) (jeans sizes 32, 34, 36,38) (sweats sizes med, large, xl, xxl, xxxl) (flip flops, backpacks or other cloth bags)

The Post received a Letter of Appreciation from the National Guard for our help during their Post Deployment Health Re-Assessment in February 2009.

Ralph "Crash" Branham is checking with other organizations to see if it would be possible to donate a new golf cart to the OKC VA Hospital.

Big ticket raffle items- the Post needs your idea for next year's big ticket raffle items. Suggestions included vacation getaways or commemorative weapon. Bring your idea to the next meeting. Charlie Wills and Wick will investigate the Las Vegas trip option. Ralph Branham and Big Jim will check into raffling off a used H-D.

50/50 drawing – Doug Carter won \$18 in the 50/50 drawing.

**Sick Call**

Tom Eudey has had surgery and now is home. He is doing well.

**Closing**

Closing prayer was performed the meeting was closed.  
Minutes submitted by Adjutant Robert Wick Wicker to the Executive Committee via email. Executive Committee members have 2 business days to contest the meeting minutes or request changes, after which, the updated/changes minutes will be released to the general membership.

Minutes approved by:	YES	NO	Commander Jim Craig
	YES	NO	Vice-Commander Henry Bass
	YES	NO	Ralph Branham
	YES	NO	Rex Warlick
	YES	NO	Steve Blair
	YES	NO	Hugh Langston
	YES	NO	John Rose
	YES	NO	Charley Wills
	YES	NO	Michael Sloan
	YES	NO	Michael Marxen
	YES	NO	Ron White